for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance. The motion requires my consent before the sense of the Council is ascertained. I find that the motion relates to the handcuffing of Mr. Madhavan, Vakil, Munsiff's Court, and Judge of the Panchayat Court, Haripad, on the 25th and says that he was taken under arrest to the First Class Magistrate, Alleppey, under a non-bailable warrant issued by the latter in connection with an enquiry under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code. I must very regretfully refuse to give my consent to this motion.

I have two reasons for this. The first reason is that if, as stated, this incident has taken place, it has already taken place and I do not see how it can be *a matter of urgent public importance* to discuss the incident at the present moment. The incident is alleged to have taken place on the 25th Thulam, while it is the 5th Vrischikam to-day. My second reason is that Government, at present, are not in possession of any reliable information concerning the said event, and hence I do not think that any discussion at this stage is likely to afford that material which is necessary for a full discussion of the matter in this House. For these reasons, I am very regretfully obliged to withhold my consent to this motion.

REGULATION ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to announce that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 27th Karkadakam, 1097/11th August, 1922 and became law as Regulation XII of 1097.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, it is proposed that certain committees of officials and non-officials should be appointed to consider certain matters of importance. They are:

(1) the consideration of the draft revised rules for the constitution and conduct of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly; (2) the consideration of the working of the Government Press; (3) the consideration of the rules governing educational scholarships; and (4) the consideration of the question of accommodation in His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum.

I request that the non-official members of this House will be pleased to meet under the presidency of the Deputy President after the day's business is over, and elect from among them the members who wish to sit on those committees. Government desire that, for the first committee, *i. e.*, the committee to consider the draft revised rules for the constitution and conduct of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, five non-official members should be elected. For the committee to consider the working of the Government Press three non-official members have to be elected, and for the two committees to consider the questions of educational scholarships and college accommodation, five non-officials each.

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